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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Attn: Mr. Theodore Babbitt
Chairman, JIGSAW Committee

FROM: USAF Member, JIGSAW Committee

SUBJECT: Draft of Initial JIGSAW Report

1. The First Report of the JIGSAW Committee dated 9 May 1950 was received in the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF.
2. While the Directorate generally concurs with this report, the following comments are submitted.
 - a. The Report does not indicate that the work of JIGSAW does not deal with "international communism" but only with communism outside of the USSR and the U.S. OK
 - b. The program is a survey of the entire field. The collation of existing materials and the implementation of the entire program would require extensive manpower resources which are perhaps beyond the capabilities of the U.S. Government. It would compete with more pertinent and vitally needed research programs in the field of Soviet and American Communism. Furthermore, the completion of this program would require many years of painstaking effort. Even with the establishment of a priority system, it is difficult to see how useful material can be developed within a reasonable period of time. The rate of progress made by the JIGSAW Committee heretofore lends no encouragement in this respect.
 - c. It is suggested that the charter of JIGSAW be re-examined and its mission recast so that the Committee would fulfill its mission by other means, e.g. the careful cataloging and dissemination of material already available in the fields of interest.
 - d. The priority program shows that the selected topics are of primary interest to CIA and the State Department. The USAF is one of four participants in just one of the proposed ten priority programs and the other defense agencies are envisaged as participants in one additional program. This degree of participation is indicative of the fact that the research priority program as outlined by JIGSAW does not address itself primarily to problems of overall national intelligence but largely to the requirements of CIA and State.

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2. The re-examination of JIGSAW procedures has become necessary if the separate services represented are to be confident that their priority research interest will receive due consideration.

3. The Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, will contribute to the work outlined in Appendix "B", Priority Program 4, "Communist Operations and Organizations among Scientific Workers Outside the Soviet Union."

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